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FOR: GAMING MACHINE :

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of July 25, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth therein.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-7 were rejected as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,725,210).

Turning to Claim 1, Claim 1 is directed to a gaming machine that includes a gaming board including at least one winning hole whereby a prescribed number of balls is paid out as a ball falls into the winning hole, the gaming board including at least one color and/or at least one pattern. The machine also includes a display unit which displays images of a variable display game. A single game of which starts out with a plurality of symbols being displayed variably and ends with a stopping of the variable display of a plurality of symbols. The display unit is disposed on a reverse face of the gaming board and is configured to display at least one color and/or at least one pattern corresponding to the at least one color and/or the at